



Let's join and work together

CHAS Mission Statement:

As one voice we will have a strong positive influence while working on collective interests that strengthen all Saskatchewan Co-operatives

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A note from the editor- It is hoped that you have had a good summer despite the weather and are looking ahead to the fall season.

In some housing co-ops fall means getting back into routine of meetings, etc, while other co-ops carry on during the summer months as any time during the year.

One thing we have all had in common this summer was to get our yearly budgets done. For some it meant doing an 18th month budget while others remained at a 12 month time frame.

It is my understanding that all the co-ops have received some form of extra funding this year for special projects, this has been a big help in the up keep of our complexes, and I know we are all thankful for whatever amount we got.

Once again it's time to bring our housing co-ops up to date on the events of CHAS over the past few months through this News Letter.

A very successful AGM took place in June with 9 housing co-ops represented, we also had guests who attended.-

Tressa Antoninne & Niki Todoshuck-SHC, Regina
Fred Konje – Sask Co-operators Association,
and the speakers for the AGM were.-

Deryl Thompson- Keegano Housing Co-operative,
Edmonton,Alta., and Dianne & Lionel Wallington-
Tisdale Home Support Group.

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Saskatchewan Housing Co-operatives
To provide education to all
Saskatchewan Housing Co-operatives**

Their information was very interesting and helpful. This year the AGM took place at Argyle Park housing co-op and we would like to thank them for allowing us to use their facility and also a thanks to the ladies of Argyle Park for the delicious lunch.

Board of Directors- elections took place with 7 board positions open; 6 who had served their 2 year term and one resigned due to health concerns-
The CHAS Board members for the year 2010-11 are-

James Gilliard; President
Henry Schellenberg, Vice President
Natasha Sutherland; Secretary
Danny Bobowski
Emily Stillwell
Irene Young
Doris Voit
Rose Falconer
Verla Erlendson
Myles Shaw
Bob McKenty
Wayne Trochie
Lorraine Schindel- appointed Treasurer

They look forward to working on behalf of all co-ops during the coming year.

Thank You- We had 3 board members, Leona Volk, Dennis Kidd & Bruce Lotts, retire this year after serving, and preserving the status of the CHAS Board for many years, We also want to thank Ron Richards for his time on the board but resigned due to health concerns.

Open Discussion time at AGM- again proved informative. Under discussion was the housing co-ops being handed over to municipal governments in Ontario that opened the door for them to be sold to the municipality, as did happen. The co-op members along with CHF Canada tried to fight the sale of their co-op but after 3 years in the courts they lost, and it has been sold to a social housing program. We understand that another housing co-op is in receivership that CHF is trying to help.

As a point of interest, this would not happen in Saskatchewan as the co-ops signed an agreement with the provincial government. Saskatchewan housing co-ops are very fortunate as in 2009-10 all housing co-ops received extra funding from the government, this did not happen in other provinces.

CHAS Board Meeting; was held on Saturday August 28, at Crestview Housing Co-op in Moose Jaw, with 10 CHAS Board members and 8 guests attending.

Thank you to Crestview for allowing us to use your facility, and also to the ladies who prepared a delicious noon lunch.

For future Board meetings a motion was made that the hosting co-op will provide the lunch, and each person attending would pay \$5.00 to cover the cost.

The new Board members were brought up to date on what CHAS has been doing in order for them to begin their work on the board. Much of the meeting was spent looking ahead to some future plans for CHAS-

Power Point Presentation by Henry Schellenberg. This indeed was a high light of our meeting to view. Henry has spent considerable time and effort in preparing this presentation on Co-ops, which

was presented on a DVD and all agreed that the presentation was informative, interesting and well done.

The following are items included in the presentation.

- What is a Co-op
- Sample of a Co-op
- SCA
- Canadian Credit Unions and co-ops
- History of the Co-operators
- Canadian Co-op stats
- History of the first Co-op
- 7 principles of Co-ops
- How Co-ops are different
- Types of housing co-ops
- CHF an organized voice for Co-ops
- Pictures
- Governance
- Participation

On behalf of the CHAS Board we want to express our thanks to Henry for his work in the preparation and presentation. Our hope is that all co-ops will have an opportunity to view it.

Just a Reminder- that Co-op Week is coming up, from October 17th to October 23rd.

We would like to encourage all housing co-ops to be involved in some way. Perhaps if possible set aside sometime during that week and plan something for your members to celebrate what it means to live in a co-op.

Send me an e-mail at cmantor@sasktel.net of what your co-op did and we will feature that in the next Newsletter

Website- Since our web master retired this spring from the Board there has been no updating on the site, so we ask your patience in this as we work in trying to keep the information current.

There are two Board members assigned to work out a suitable solution.

Congratulations to Rainbow Housing Co-op on your 25th Anniversary this past summer, and to other co-ops if this is your 25th year.

For the CHAS Board
Irene Young- editor